

House Resolution 1555

By: Representatives Rice of the 51st and Ehrhart of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Shared Parenting; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, shared parenting could offer a method for child custody matters to be resolved;
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4 WHEREAS, determining how a child of divorcing parents may be properly cared for is a
5 matter of critical importance to this state; and

6 WHEREAS, it may be beneficial for parents to consider a parenting plan that involves
7 detailing the manner and method which the parents propose for the parental care, financial
8 support, responsibilities for their child, and all other issues relevant to custody and raising
9 a child; and

10 WHEREAS, shared parenting may be the best custodial situation for all children of divorcing
11 parents.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
13 there is created the House Study Committee on Shared Parenting to be composed of five
14 members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson of
16 the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
18 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
19 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
20 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
21 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
22 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee

1 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
2 committees but shall receive the same for not more than three days unless additional days are
3 authorized. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come
4 from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. In the event the committee
5 makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
6 legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2006. The
7 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2006.